

SOUTH KOREAN STUDENTS TOUR ACCESS CENTER

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) ACCESS Center in Norwalk hosted a delegation of South Korean students from Handong Global University on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. The visit was part of a tour that also included the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center in Culver City where the students learned about the suicide prevention hotline.

The group from South Korea was made up of Dr. Myung Hee Jun and her seven social work students. They spent the day finding out about suicide prevention/crisis response services in both the private and public sectors. The group initially met the Partners in Suicide Prevention (PSP) team at headquarters in the morning before continuing on with its day-long tour.



During the visit at headquarters, LACDMH Clinical Program Head James Cunningham, Ph.D., explained to the group of students how the department partners with outside groups to help the community. "We alone cannot prevent

suicide and our goal is to partner with agencies. It's better when we work together," he said.

The tour provided insight into the types of suicide prevention resources, services and teams that are available for Los Angeles County residents. The students even learned about LACDMH's approaches toward cultural competence and working with faith-based communities. They told the PSP team how appreciative they were for allowing them to visit and learn how LACDMH works and impacts the community.



(Some photos shown provided by Jae Kim, LCSW.)